

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, first full paragraph now reads as follows:

The present invention relates to a broadcast system providing broadcast services in which program guide information is multiplexed with audio/video data. More specifically, the present invention relates to a program guide information collecting/transmitting system which transmits program guide information of each broadcaster to other ~~broadcaster~~ broadcasters. Furthermore, the present invention relates to a program guide information producing apparatus of each broadcaster which produces the program guide information. Especially, the present invention assures reliable broadcasting of program guide information in each broadcaster even when the transmission of program guide information ~~is failed~~ has failed.

On page 14, second full paragraph now reads as follows:

However, according to the digital broadcasting program guide information collecting/transmitting system shown in Fig. 18, a problem arises when the program guide information collecting/transmitting apparatus 101 is in trouble or when the network connecting each broadcasting center system to the program guide information collecting/transmitting apparatus 101 is in trouble. In such cases, each broadcaster cannot renew the common ~~program~~ program guide information. If the trouble lasts long (e.g., when the effective broadcast time of the presently aired common program guide information expires), each broadcaster will be unable to output the common program guide information itself.

Last paragraph on page 27 bridging page 28 now reads as follows:

Furthermore, when the program guide information producing apparatus comprises the version number adding section, it becomes possible to eliminate the version jump even when the ~~requirement~~ acquisition of other broadcaster's common program guide information ~~is~~ has failed due to trouble in the network connecting the program guide information producing apparatus and the program guide information collecting/transmitting apparatus.